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SUBJECT: CCC CREDITS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977

REF: A) WARSAW 4548; B) STATE 120610; C) WARSAW 4955,
4500, 4447 D) WARSAW 5228

1. CHARGE SHOULD PRESENT ASAP THE FOLLOWING
TEXT OF AUGUST 2 LETTER FROM SECRETARY BUTZ TO MINISTER
BARCIKOWSKI, WITHOUT AWAITING POUCHED ORIGINAL: QUOTE:

THE HONORABLE KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF THE
POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

DEAR MR. MINISTER:
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WE ARE INDEED PLEASED TO NOTE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S COOPERATION IN ADJUSTING THE SHIPPING SCHEDULES FOR COMMODITIES PURCHASED WITH CCC CREDITS FOR THE CURRENT EXTENDED FISCAL YEAR. WE WERE FURTHER PLEASED THAT THE PROBLEMS WITH SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR REVISED SHIPPING SCHEDULE WILL ENABLE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO UTILIZE THE CURRENT LINES OF CCC CREDIT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REAFFIRM THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES POLAND AS A VALUED TRADING PARTNER. WHILE IT IS TOO SOON TO SUPPLY AN EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR CCC CREDIT, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO ACT AS FAVORABLY AS POSSIBLE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE CONTINUED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY, EARL L. BUTZ, SECRETARY END QUOTE:

2. IF EMBASSY AGREES, WE BELIEVE IT ALSO WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR CHARGE TO PRESENT COPY OF LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI, SINCE, BEYOND ITS ECONOMIC LOGIC, THE LETTER FROM SECRETARY BUTZ IS INTENDED AS A TIMELY POLITICAL REMINDER THAT THE USG IS NOT SHYING AWAY FROM ITS EXISTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOP FOLLOWING RECENT FOOD PRICE RIOTS AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN POLAND (REFS C AND D). IN FONMIN CALL AT LEAST, CHARGE -- SHOULD CONVEY THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE POLISH SITUATION AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE DISTASTEFUL ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD CONFRONT POLAND IF IT WERE COMPELLED TO CURTAIL ITS BUSINESS WITH THE WEST. THIS MEETING MAY ALSO BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO EXPRESS GENUINE U.S. SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE IN TRADE DEVELOPMENT, CIVIL AVIATION, DANZIG BONDS/GOLD, FISHERIES AND OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES, WITH THE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES.

3. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, EMPHATIC GOP REQUESTS FOR AGRICULTURAL CREDITS WERE MADE IN JUNE TO SECRETARY SIMON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(REF A), DURING THE SPRING MEETING OF THE U.S.-POLISH WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE (REF B), AND ON OTHER OCCASIONS. HABIB

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